

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 15 and 17 and please amend Claims 6, 8, 12, 14, and 16, as follows.

1. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, said toner supply container comprising:

a container body configured to contain toner, said container body having an opening for permitting discharge of the toner; and

a sealing member configured and positioned to seal the opening,

said sealing member having a welded portion which is welded to said container body and a tearing portion which is torn upon unsealing of the opening,

wherein said welded portion has an inclined portion which is provided adjacent an end portion at which tearing starts and which is disposed laterally outside of a tearing line, said inclined portion being inclined inwardly with respect to a tearing direction.

2. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 1, wherein said inclined portion is rectilinearly inclined.

3. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 1, wherein said inclined portion is inclined with a curvature.

4. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 1, wherein said welded portion is provided in the region where the tearing starts with a concave portion which is concave toward a downstream direction with respect to the tearing direction.

5. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 1, wherein said sealing member has an extension which extends from a tearing starting side of said welded portion and which is folded back and extends to an end provided with a pulling portion.

6. (Currently Amended) A toner supply container according to Claim 1, wherein said sealing member is made of plastic resin film, and said tearing portion is formed by laser irradiation on the resin film ~~tearing portion is formed by laser illumination.~~

7. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 1, wherein said sealing member includes a cover film welded to said container body so as to seal the opening, and a tear tape configured and positioned to tear the cover film, wherein the tearing portion is defined by the tear tape.

8. (Currently Amended) A process cartridge detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, said process cartridge comprising:

a developing container which is effective to develop a latent image on a photosensitive member with toner[[:]];

a toner container configured to accommodate the toner;
an opening, formed in said toner container, and configured and positioned to supply
the toner into said developing container; and[[:]]

a sealing member configured and positioned to seal the opening, said sealing member having a welded portion which is welded to said toner container and a tearing portion which is torn upon unsealing of the opening,

wherein said welded portion has an inclined portion which is provided adjacent an end portion at which tearing starts and which is disposed laterally outside of a tearing line, said inclined portion being inclined inwardly with respect to a tearing direction.

9. (Previously Presented) A process cartridge according to Claim 8, wherein said inclined portion is rectilinearly inclined.

10. (Previously Presented) A process cartridge according to Claim 8, wherein said inclined portion is inclined with a curvature.

11. (Previously Presented) A process cartridge according to Claim 8, wherein said welded portion is provided in the region where the tearing starts with a concave portion which is concave toward the downstream direction with respect to the tearing direction.

12. (Currently Amended) A process cartridge according to Claim 8, wherein said sealing member is made of resin film, and said tearing portion is formed by laser irradiation on the film ~~tearing portion is formed by laser illumination.~~

13. (Previously Presented) A process cartridge according to Claim 8, wherein said sealing member includes a cover film welded to said toner container so as to seal the opening, and a tear tape configured and positioned to tear the cover film, wherein the tearing portion is defined by the tear tape.

14. (Currently Amended) A toner supply container according to Claim 1, wherein said tearing portion is provided at each of lateral sides of the opening, and said inclined portion is provided at each of positions outside of said tearing portion in the width direction thereof.

15. Cancelled

16. (Currently Amended) A process cartridge according to Claim 8, wherein said tearing portion is provided at each of lateral sides of the opening, and said inclined portion is provided at each of positions outside of said tearing portion in the width direction thereof.

17. Cancelled

18. (Previously Presented) A process cartridge according to Claim 8, wherein said sealing member has an extension which extends from a tearing starting side of said welded portion and which is folded back and extends to an end provided with a pulling portion.